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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, RH, NI
SUBJECT: GARBA COMMENTS ON DAR TALKS

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. DAILY TIMES APRIL 17 REPORTED THAT COMMISSIONER OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, BRIGADIER JOSEPH GARBA, RETURNED TO LAGOS
APRIL 16 AND ANSWERED REPORTER'S QUESTIONS AT THE AIRPORT.
SUMMARY OF REMARKS AS REPORTED FOLLOWS:
--THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS ACHIEVED NOTHING.
--NIGERIA IS "DISILLEGIONED IN MANY WAYS."
--NIGERIA'S HOPES FOR "A DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGH" WERE DASHED.
--"IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WE ARE CONVINCED THAT AN ARMED
STRUGGLE IS THE ANSWER." END UNCLASSIFIED.
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2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS REPORT
ACCURATELY REFLECTS GARBA'S ACUTE DISAPPOINTMENT WITH
THE RESULTS OF THE DAR ES SALAAM MEETING ON RHODESIA LAST
WEEKEND. HOWEVER WE WOULD NOT READ TOO MUCH INTO HIS
REPORTED COMMENT THAT NIGERIA IS "CONVINCED" THAT ARMED
STRUGGLE IS THE ANSWER. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, GARBA

HAS IN THE PAST MADE UNUSUALLY STRONG STATEMENTS WHICH
WERE MUCH INFLUENCED BY HIS CURRENT FRUSTRATIONS.
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